

## **SAFE DELIVERY FACT SHEET**

Enacted on January 1, 2001 and amended in December of 2006, Safe Delivery allows for the anonymous surrender of an infant (within 72 hours of birth) to an Emergency Service Provider (ESP) without the expressed intent to return for the newborns. ESP's are defined as a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital, or police station when that individual is inside the premises and on duty. ESP also includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.

The intent of the law was to allow for an anonymous safe surrender of the newborn without fear of prosecution and to make the child available for adoption. Private adoption agencies assume responsibility for the child as soon as medical authorities determine that the child has not been neglected or abused and that the infant is not more than 72 hours old.

### **2001 Statistics:**

#### **Number of surrenders: 13**

- 2/4/01 Kalamazoo County. A 19-year-old woman accompanied by the father delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 2/14/01 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/8/01 Oakland County. A 28-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/23/01 Oakland County. A 34-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 4/5/01 Oakland County. A 24-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 5/24/01 Muskegon County. A 29-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 6/1/01 Wayne County. A 33-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 7/31/01 Crawford County. A 20-year-old woman surrendered newborn at hospital.

- 8/8/01 Wayne County. A 28-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 9/5/01 Oakland County. An 18-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 9/17/01 Wayne County. A 16- year-old female surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 11/4/01 Isabella County. A 19-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 12/14/01 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.

**2002 Statistics: None**

**2003 Statistics**

**Number of surrenders: 7**

- 2/2/03 Washtenaw County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/15/03 Oakland County. A 39-year-old woman surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 5/8/03 Lenawee County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 5/16/03 Kent County. A 19-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 10/1/03 Kent County. A woman of unknown age surrendered newborn at Fire Department
- 10/27/03 Shiawassee County. Newborn surrendered at hospital.
- 10/29/03 Kalamazoo County. Newborn surrendered at hospital.

**2004 Statistics**

**Number of surrenders: 8**

- 2/13/04 Monroe County. Newborn was delivered and surrendered at hospital.

- 5/3/04 Emmet County. Newborn was delivered and surrendered at hospital.
- 5/7/04 Kalamazoo County. A twenty-three-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 5/23/04 Oakland County. A twenty-three-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 5/26/04 Crawford County. A thirty-eight-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 6/17/04 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 9/30/04 Kent County. A woman of unknown age surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 10/28/04 Genesee County. A 31-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.

### **2005 Statistics**

#### **Number of surrenders: 9**

- 2/01/05 Macomb County. A 22-year-old woman surrendered newborn at fire department.
- 2/13/05 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 2/25/05 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/09/2005 Kalamazoo County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/22/2005 Isabella County. A woman, approximately 22 years of age, surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/26/2005 Washtenaw County. A 33-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/31/2005 Oakland County. A 19-year-old woman surrendered newborn at police station.

- 5/06/2005 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age surrendered her newborn at hospital.
- 8/01/2005 Jackson County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.

## **2006 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 7**

- 1/1/2006 Wayne County. A 24-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 1/6/2006 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 3/1/2006 Genesee County. Birth parents, ages 35 and 38, delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 7/25/2006 Oakland County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 9/8/2006 Van Buren County. A 26-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 10/18/2006 Berrien County. A 21-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.
- 12/12/2006 Wayne County. A 26 year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at hospital.

## **2007 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 11**

- 1/14/2007 Wayne County. A woman, approximately 40 years of age, delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 2/3/2007 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 2/19/2007 Kent County. A 42-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.

- 2/23/2007 Kent County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 4/24/2007 Wayne County. Birth parents, ages 33 and 34, delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 6/18/2007 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 6/19/2007 Oakland County. A 17-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 7/10/2007 Oakland County. A 29-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital. The birth father was also present at the birth and joined in the surrender of the newborn.
- 11/10/2007 Oakland County. A 33 year old woman surrendered a newborn to a hospital. Before the newborn was placed into an adoptive home, the mother filed a petition in court for return of custody. As a result of the court proceeding the baby was returned to the mother's custody.
- 11/13/2007 Berrien County. A 29 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.
- 12/04/2007 Wayne County. A 34 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at hospital.

### **2008 Statistics**

#### **Number of surrenders: 3**

- 2/23/2008 Genesee County. A 15 year old mother delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital. The birth father was also present at the birth and joined in surrendering the newborn.
- 7/5/2008 A 23 year old mother delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 07/14/2008 Wayne County. A 19 year old mother delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.